

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, May 09, 2016

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Amy Parker, Kathleen Lock, and Bob Wood. Member absent was Bill Krause. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged a Smaller size attendance than normal and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the May 09, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the May 09, 2016, meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Amy Parker. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

4. Approval of the April 11, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion:** A motion was made by Kathleen Lock to approve the April 11 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Wood. **The motion carried 4-0.

5. Reading of Correspondence

The Town received an Email from a resident that requested that when walking on the beach to be careful of the newly planted beach grass. It appears that some has been stepped on recently.

DNREC sent in a letter stating that they have done a study in the 500 and 600 blocks on Bay avenue in regards to Mosquitos. There are large swales in several yards in that area and these areas have been treated and may need to be filled in the future.

The Delaware Nature Society thanks us for our recent donation.

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the April 2016 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Kathy referred everyone to the handout copies that were provided prior to the meeting. We seemed to be right on the projected budget for now and all else looks great.

Motion: *Amy Parker made a motion to approve the April 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.***

B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator. *Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniels has reported that he worked 16.25 hours on 7 different projects this past month.*

C. Tax Collector Report

Angela Tibbett sent a report for March. Due to a recent effort to collect back taxes, we received \$1,303.00 this month.

D. Town Street Committee report

New MPH Sign has been delivered and will be installed shortly.

E. Mayoral & Council updates

Mayor Ward has a meeting with DNREC SEC. Small in the near future to discuss among other items, beach replenishment

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓ **DNREC REG's for shorelines Update** *There is no nothing new from DNREC*

✓ **USDA Grant**

✓ *Kathy Lock reported that USDA anticipates this grant any day.*

✓ **Sea Level Rise Grant**

Still working on the Tucker's property – Slow Progress

✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

There was discussion on a guest list for non-residents at the June 3rd meeting.

The Town Kickoff of the project will be June 3rd at the firehouse and it will be catered. Please consider attending because we really would like everyone's input on this project

b) CAV Update

Same as last month.

c) Phragmite

There will be update until October

8. New Business:

We seem to be ahead of schedule for the upcoming election at this point.

There will be a candidates posting on the bulletin board on May 14TH.

A new Tax Listing in coming from Sussex County.

Election Officers to be appointed by the next council meeting.

There will be a public meeting on either May 21st or 23rd to tie up any loose ends.

9. Discussion on Storm Damage

We are still in touch with officials from the Federal, State and County legislation on an ongoing basis.

There is discussion on forming a beach committee – there are a few people interested.

We will gather our expensive from the last storm to be presented to FEMA.

10. Openly stored unauthorized autos and unauthorized sheds

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One notice has been sent on an abandon Auto – no response as of yet. If there is no response by the next meeting, we will pursue our next step with the town attorney.

There is a code on unregistered autos and if there are complaints we will at least investigate.

11. Street Lights

There are several street lights out in town. Most are on the east end of the access roads. A discussion with the residents of these areas might be the best approach. Normally most residents will want the lights fixed but it might be best handled on a case by case basis.

12 Adjournment

***Motion:** Kathy Lock made a motion to adjourn. Amy Parker seconded it. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.*

Upcoming Events

- 1 - Town wide yard sale - Sat May 28 – Mon 31st.
- 2 – Large Item Pick-up - May 31st.
- 3 – Del Coastal Programs feedback - June 3rd@ 5:00 PM.
- 4 – Community Social Hour – June 3rd @ 5:00 PM.
- 5 – Annual Town Meeting June 4th.
- 6 – Next town council meeting June 13th @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary